

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Orie Lewis took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Anna Ruth Gordon, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony on December 25, 1954, at the home of Brother John Golden of Hannibal; and

Whereas, five decades later Orie and Anna Lewis of Frankford will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with an open house at the Bowling Green Community Center on December 18, 2004; and

Whereas, the marriage of Orie and Anna Lewis has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their beloved son, Johnny Lee Lewis, and his spouse, Kristen Lewis; and

Whereas, Orie and Anna Lewis also have enjoyed watching their family grow to include a wonderful grandchild, Joshua Lewis; and

Whereas, retired from Jones Brothers Gas Station in Bowling Green after twenty-seven years of service, Orie Lewis is a member of the VFW and Penno Baptist Church and enjoys word puzzles and mowing lawns with the help of Anna who was employed by Vandalia Shoe Company, developed considerable skill with embroidery, and sold Avon for fourteen years and who now is a full-time babysitter for three children and a Sunday School teacher for five and six year olds; and

Whereas, Orie and Anna Lewis will have the opportunity to use the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Orie and Anna Lewis and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Orie and Anna Lewis of Frankford, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker